

REMARKS

I. Summary of Office Action

Claims 41-53, 96-108, and 152-164 were pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 41-42, 44, 48, 50, 96-97, 99, 103, 105, 152-153, 155, 159, and 161 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,002,394 to Schein et al. (hereinafter "Schein") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,699,107 to Lawler et al. (hereinafter "Lawler"), further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,324,694 to Watts et al. (hereinafter "Watts"). Claims 46, 52, 101, 107, 157, and 163 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Lawler, further in view of Watts, further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,485,219 to Woo (hereinafter "Woo"). Claims 47, 53, 102, 108, 158, and 164 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Lawler, further in view of Watts, further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,675,384 to Block et al. (hereinafter "Block"). Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 98, 100, 104, 106, 154, 156, 160, and 162 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Summary of Telephonic Interview

The Examiner and Applicants' representative, Chia-Hao La (Reg. No. 57,729), conducted a telephonic interview on January 28, 2009. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed the claims, and the Examiner indicated that incorporating certain limitations recited in the objected-to claims into the independent claims would render the independent claims allowable. Specifically, the limitations include (a) a Markush group listing the real-time actions recited in the objected-to claims and (b) prefetching program guide data when a real-time action is performed. Applicants and Applicants' representative wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview.

III. Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants believe that the claims of the application were allowable over the prior art of record without amendment. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claims 41, 46-48, 52, 53, 96, 101-103, 107, 108, 152, 157-159, 163, and 164 to more particularly define the claimed invention. Claims 42-45, 49-51, 97-100, 104-106, 153-

156, and 160-162 have been cancelled without prejudice. In particular, independent claims 41, 96, and 152 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 98, 100, 104, 106, 154, 156, 160, and 162 in the manner discussed with the Examiner during the interview and dependent claims 46-48, 52, 53, 101-103, 107, 108, 157-159, 163, and 164 have been amended for consistency with the amended independent claims..

IV. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1)

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments presented herein be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) as "complying with [a] requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action." In the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, the Examiner indicated that certain claims are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten the objected-to claims as set forth in the Office Action in the manner discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview.

V. Conclusion

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

We believe that we have appropriately provided for fees due in connection with this submission. However, if there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-1075 under Order No. 003597-0110 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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